

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter

Liturgist: John Coefield

Organist: Ann Swisher

*Please meditate silently, or listen to the prelude  
as you prepare your heart for worship.*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE                    “Prelude and Fugue in G minor”  
  J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

**ALL: You made your glory higher than heaven!**

One: When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made—the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—

**ALL: what are human beings that you think about them; what are human beings that you pay attention to them?**

One: Lord, our Lord,

**ALL: how majestic is your name throughout the earth!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN                    “God of the Fertile Fields”   GtG #714**

God of the fertile fields,  
shaper of earth that yields  
our daily bread:

Forth from your bounteous hand  
come gifts your love has planned,  
that all in every land  
be clothed and fed.

We would be stewards true,  
holding in trust from you  
all that you give;

Help us in love to share,  
teach us like you to care  
for people everywhere,  
that all may live.

As grows the hidden seed  
to fruit that serves our need,  
so your reign grows.

Let all our toil be used,  
no gift of yours abused,  
no humble task refused  
your love bestows.

God of the countryside,  
dear to the Christ who died  
to make us one:

We pledge our lives anew  
in faithful love to you.  
Guide all we say and do.  
Your will be done.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

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**ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

*(moment of silent confession)*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

**ALL: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

One: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

\*"Gloria Patri"

GtG #581

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Ain-a That Good News!"  
Trad. Spiritual; arr. Victor Johnson

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Genesis 1:1, 26-31      Page 1

NEW TESTAMENT READING      John 1:1-5      Page 1645

SERMON      "All Things in Heaven and On Earth"

SERMON SCRIPTURE      Colossians 1:13-20      Page 1832

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Brief Statement of Faith

**ALL: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

RESPONSE HYMN      "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"      GtG #712

As those of old

their firstfruits brought  
of vineyard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good,  
the source of bounteous yield,

So we today our firstfruits bring,  
the wealth of this good land:  
of farm and market,  
shop and home,  
of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us  
to labor, love, and give,  
to make our life an offering  
that all may truly live.

The church of Christ is calling us  
to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed  
by Christ-like love,  
all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today,  
to serve your cause  
and share your love  
with all along life's way.

O God who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ your Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

MOMENT OF THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Fantasia in D Major”

Georg P. Telemann (1681-1767)

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

GtG #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures

high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

GtG #475

Come, thou Fount

of every blessing;

tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing,

call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

sung by flaming tongues above;

praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,

mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;

hither by thy help I’m come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure,

safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Prelude in C Major"  
J.S. Bach

## **Announcements**

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today! Hymns are found in the "Glory to God" (GtG) hymnal in the pews, as well as on the screen. Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor. After the service, join us for refreshments and conversation. To bring treats for Fellowship Time, sign up on the sheet on the coffee table.

### **Welcome, Jeff Buscher!**

Today we welcome Jeff Buscher, the Community Impact Coordinator for United Way of the Lewis and Clark area. He will share an update on their Housing First project.

### **Doors Locked During Service**

Session decided to lock the main entrance doors during the worship service. The doors are locked from 10:15 to 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The doors are unlocked again between 11 a.m. and noon.

## **Pumpkin Patch Party Saturday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

The Pumpkin Patch Party, featuring free games, prizes, bounce houses and food, will be on Saturday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.—1 p.m. This is a community party, so invite your friends and neighbors!

### **Sign Up To Help Sell Pumpkins**

We need your help selling pumpkins! The patch is open today, noon-6 p.m., and then reopens Saturday, Oct. 19, and runs daily through Halloween. Two-hour shifts are available; check the signup sheets on the church office door to see what's available. Thank you!

### **Communion servers needed**

Can you help serve communion? Please check the signup sheet in the fellowship area to see when servers are needed.

### **You're Invited!**

<b>Monday, Oct. 14</b>	Mission Committee 1 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 15</b>	Session 6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 16</b>	Choir Rehearsal 2 p.m.
<b>Friday, Oct. 18</b>	Bible Study 12/Noon Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, Oct. 19</b>	<b>Pumpkin Patch Party 11 a.m.-1 p.m.</b> Pumpkin Patch Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
<b>Sunday, Oct. 20</b>	Worship 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Open Noon-6 p.m.

**The Pumpkin Patch is also open on weekdays, 2-6 p.m.**



#### **Church office hours**

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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